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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

- 1 AN ACT
- 2 relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Department of Public
- 3 Safety and the investigation, prosecution, punishment, and
- 4 prevention of certain offenses; creating an offense and increasing
- 5 a criminal penalty.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 7 SECTION 1. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
- 8 amended to read as follows:
- 9 Art. 2.12. WHO ARE PEACE OFFICERS. The following are peace
- 10 officers:
- 11 (1) sheriffs, their deputies, and those reserve
- 12 deputies who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under
- 13 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;
- 14 (2) constables, deputy constables, and those reserve
- 15 deputy constables who hold a permanent peace officer license issued
- 16 under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;
- 17 (3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated
- 18 city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers
- 19 who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter
- 20 1701, Occupations Code;
- 21 (4) rangers, [and] officers, and members of the
- 22 reserve officer corps commissioned by the Public Safety Commission
- 23 and the Director of the Department of Public Safety;
- 24 (5) investigators of the district attorneys', criminal

- 1 district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;
- 2 (6) law enforcement agents of the Texas Alcoholic
- 3 Beverage Commission;
- 4 (7) each member of an arson investigating unit
- 5 commissioned by a city, a county, or the state;
- 6 (8) officers commissioned under Section 37.081,
- 7 Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code;
- 8 (9) officers commissioned by the General Services
- 9 Commission;
- 10 (10) law enforcement officers commissioned by the
- 11 Parks and Wildlife Commission;
- 12 (11) airport police officers commissioned by a city
- 13 with a population of more than 1.18 million located primarily in a
- 14 county with a population of 2 million or more that operates an
- 15 airport that serves commercial air carriers;
- 16 (12) airport security personnel commissioned as peace
- 17 officers by the governing body of any political subdivision of this
- 18 state, other than a city described by Subdivision (11), that
- 19 operates an airport that serves commercial air carriers;
- 20 (13) municipal park and recreational patrolmen and
- 21 security officers;
- 22 (14) security officers and investigators commissioned
- 23 as peace officers by the comptroller;
- 24 (15) officers commissioned by a water control and
- 25 improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;
- 26 (16) officers commissioned by a board of trustees
- 27 under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;

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- 1 (17) investigators commissioned by the Texas Medical
- 2 Board;
- 3 (18) officers commissioned by:
- 4 (A) the board of managers of the Dallas County
- 5 Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, the Bexar
- 6 County Hospital District, or the El Paso County Hospital District
- 7 under Section 281.057, Health and Safety Code;
- 8 (B) the board of directors of the Ector County
- 9 Hospital District under Section 1024.117, Special District Local
- 10 Laws Code; and
- 11 (C) the board of directors of the Midland County
- 12 Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, under Section 1061.121,
- 13 Special District Local Laws Code;
- 14 (19) county park rangers commissioned under
- 15 Subchapter E, Chapter 351, Local Government Code;
- 16 (20) investigators employed by the Texas Racing
- 17 Commission;
- 18 (21) officers commissioned under Chapter 554,
- 19 Occupations Code;
- 20 (22) officers commissioned by the governing body of a
- 21 metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section 451.108,
- 22 Transportation Code, or by a regional transportation authority
- 23 under Section 452.110, Transportation Code;
- 24 (23) investigators commissioned by the attorney
- 25 general under Section 402.009, Government Code;
- 26 (24) security officers and investigators commissioned
- 27 as peace officers under Chapter 466, Government Code;

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- 1 (25) an officer employed by the Department of State
- 2 Health Services under Section 431.2471, Health and Safety Code;
- 3 (26) officers appointed by an appellate court under
- 4 Subchapter F, Chapter 53, Government Code;
- 5 (27) officers commissioned by the state fire marshal
- 6 under Chapter 417, Government Code;
- 7 (28) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner
- 8 of insurance under Section 701.104, Insurance Code;
- 9 (29) apprehension specialists and inspectors general
- 10 commissioned by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as officers
- 11 under Sections 242.102 and 243.052, Human Resources Code;
- 12 (30) officers appointed by the inspector general of
- 13 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019,
- 14 Government Code;
- 15 (31) investigators commissioned by the Texas
- 16 Commission on Law Enforcement under Section 1701.160, Occupations
- 17 Code;
- 18 (32) commission investigators commissioned by the
- 19 Texas Private Security Board under Section 1702.061 [1702.061(f)],
- 20 Occupations Code;
- 21 (33) the fire marshal and any officers, inspectors, or
- 22 investigators commissioned by an emergency services district under
- 23 Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code;
- 24 (34) officers commissioned by the State Board of
- 25 Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code, subject
- 26 to the limitations imposed by that section;
- 27 (35) investigators commissioned by the Texas Juvenile

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- 1 Justice Department as officers under Section 221.011, Human
- 2 Resources Code; and
- 3 (36) the fire marshal and any related officers,
- 4 inspectors, or investigators commissioned by a county under
- 5 Subchapter B, Chapter 352, Local Government Code.
- 6 SECTION 2. Section 4, Article 18.20, Code of Criminal
- 7 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 4. OFFENSES FOR WHICH INTERCEPTIONS MAY BE
- 9 AUTHORIZED. A judge of competent jurisdiction may issue an order
- 10 authorizing interception of wire, oral, or electronic
- 11 communications only if the prosecutor applying for the order shows
- 12 probable cause to believe that the interception will provide
- 13 evidence of the commission of:
- 14 (1) a felony under Section 19.02, 19.03, or 43.26,
- 15 Penal Code;
- 16 (2) a felony under:
- 17 (A) Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code, other
- 18 than felony possession of marihuana;
- 19 (B) Section 485.032, Health and Safety Code; or
- 20 (C) Chapter 483, Health and Safety Code;
- 21 (3) an offense under Section 20.03 or 20.04, Penal
- 22 Code;
- 23 (4) an offense under Chapter 20A, Penal Code;
- 24 (5) an offense under Chapter 34, Penal Code, if the
- 25 criminal activity giving rise to the proceeds involves the
- 26 commission of an offense under Title 5, Penal Code, or an offense
- 27 under federal law or the laws of another state containing elements

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- 1 that are substantially similar to the elements of an offense under
- 2 Title 5;
- 3 (6) an offense under Section 38.11, Penal Code; [or]
- 4 (7) an offense under Section 43.04 or 43.05, Penal
- 5 Code; or
- 6 (8) an attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit
- 7 an offense listed in this section.
- 8 SECTION 3. Article 59.01(2), Code of Criminal Procedure, as
- 9 amended by Chapters 427 (S.B. 529) and 1357 (S.B. 1451), Acts of the
- 10 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is reenacted and amended
- 11 to read as follows:
- 12 (2) "Contraband" means property of any nature,
- 13 including real, personal, tangible, or intangible, that is:
- 14 (A) used in the commission of:
- 15 (i) any first or second degree felony under
- 16 the Penal Code;
- 17 (ii) any felony under Section 15.031(b),
- 18 20.05, 20.06, 21.11, 38.04, or Chapter 43, 20A, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33,
- 19 33A, or 35, Penal Code;
- 20 (iii) any felony under The Securities Act
- 21 (Article 581-1 et seq., Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes); or
- (iv) any offense under Chapter 49, Penal
- 23 Code, that is punishable as a felony of the third degree or state
- 24 jail felony, if the defendant has been previously convicted three
- 25 times of an offense under that chapter;
- 26 (B) used or intended to be used in the commission
- 27 of:

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                          (i) any felony under Chapter 481, Health
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    and Safety Code (Texas Controlled Substances Act);
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                          (ii) any felony under Chapter 483, Health
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    and Safety Code;
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   Code;
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                                any felony under Chapter 34, Penal
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   Code;
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                               a Class A misdemeanor under Subchapter
    B, Chapter 365, Health and Safety Code, if the defendant has been
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   previously convicted twice of an offense under that subchapter;
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                          (vi) any felony under Chapter 32, Human
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   Resources Code, or Chapter 31, 32, 35A, or 37, Penal Code, that
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    involves the state Medicaid program;
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                          (vii) a Class B misdemeanor under Chapter
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   522, Business & Commerce Code;
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                          (viii) a Class A misdemeanor under Section
    306.051, Business & Commerce Code;
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                          (ix) any offense under Section 42.10, Penal
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   Code;
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                          (x) any offense under Section 46.06(a)(1)
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    or 46.14, Penal Code;
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                          (xi)
                                any offense under Chapter 71, Penal
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   Code;
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                          (xii) any offense under Section 20.05 or
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   20.06, Penal Code; or
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- 1 326.002, Business & Commerce Code;
- 2 (C) the proceeds gained from the commission of a
- 3 felony listed in Paragraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision, a
- 4 misdemeanor listed in Paragraph (B)(vii), (ix), (x), or (xi) of
- 5 this subdivision, or a crime of violence;
- 6 (D) acquired with proceeds gained from the
- 7 commission of a felony listed in Paragraph (A) or (B) of this
- 8 subdivision, a misdemeanor listed in Paragraph (B)(vii), (ix), (x),
- 9 or (xi) of this subdivision, or a crime of violence;
- 10 (E) used to facilitate or intended to be used to
- 11 facilitate the commission of a felony under Section 15.031 or
- 12 43.25, Penal Code; or
- (F) used to facilitate or intended to be used to
- 14 facilitate the commission of a felony under Section 20A.02 or
- 15 Chapter 43, Penal Code.
- SECTION 4. Section 411.0043, Government Code, is amended to
- 17 read as follows:
- 18 Sec. 411.0043. TECHNOLOGY POLICY; REVIEW. (a) The
- 19 commission shall implement a policy requiring the department to use
- 20 appropriate technological solutions to improve the department's
- 21 ability to perform its functions. The policy must ensure that the
- 22 public is able to interact with the department on the Internet.
- 23 (b) The department shall periodically:
- 24 (1) review the department's existing information
- 25 technology system to determine whether:
- 26 (A) the system's security should be upgraded; and
- (B) the system provides the department with the

- 1 best ability to monitor and investigate criminal activity on the
- 2 Internet; and
- 3 (2) make any necessary improvements to the
- 4 department's information technology system.
- 5 SECTION 5. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
- 6 amended by adding Section 411.0101 to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 411.0101. ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
- 8 AGENCIES ALONG TEXAS-MEXICO BORDER. In addition to any other
- 9 department operations in a county along the Texas-Mexico border,
- 10 the department shall provide assistance with offenses punishable as
- 11 <u>a third degree felony or higher to a county or municipal law</u>
- 12 enforcement agency in a county along the Texas-Mexico border on a
- 13 request from the law enforcement agency for assistance. The
- 14 regional commander has discretion to allocate department resources
- 15 as necessary to meet the department's objectives.
- SECTION 6. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
- 17 amended by adding Section 411.0163 to read as follows:
- 18 Sec. 411.0163. HIRING OFFICERS WITH PREVIOUS LAW
- 19 ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE. Notwithstanding any other provision of
- 20 law, the department may, at the time a commissioned officer is
- 21 hired, elect to credit up to four years of experience as a peace
- 22 officer in the state as years of service for the purpose of
- 23 calculating the officer's salary under Schedule C. All officers are
- 24 subject to the one-year probationary period under Section
- 25 411.007(g) notwithstanding the officer's rank or salary
- 26 classification.
- 27 SECTION 7. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code, is

- 1 amended by adding Section 411.0164 to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 411.0164. 50-HOUR WORK WEEK FOR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS
- 3 ASSIGNED TO THE TEXAS-MEXICO BORDER REGION. Notwithstanding any
- 4 other law, the department may implement a 10-hour work day and
- 5 50-hour work week for commissioned officers of the department
- 6 <u>assigned to a department region that includes counties along the</u>
- 7 Texas-Mexico border.
- 8 SECTION 8. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
- 9 amended by adding Section 411.0165 to read as follows:
- 10 <u>Sec. 411.0165. VETERAN APPLICANTS FOR TROOPER TRAINING.</u>
- 11 The department may accept a person applying to the department's
- 12 trooper trainee academy if the person:
- 13 (1) has served four or more years in the United States
- 14 armed forces as a member of the military police or other security
- 15 force and received an honorable discharge; and
- 16 (2) meets all other department requirements for a
- 17 commissioned officer.
- 18 SECTION 9. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
- 19 amended by adding Sections 411.0208 and 411.0209 to read as
- 20 follows:
- Sec. 411.0208. RESERVE OFFICER CORPS. (a) The commission
- 22 may provide for the establishment of a reserve officer corps
- 23 consisting of retired or previously commissioned officers of the
- 24 department who retired or resigned in good standing.
- 25 (b) The commission shall establish qualifications and
- 26 standards of training for members of the reserve officer corps.
- 27 (c) The commission may limit the size of the reserve officer

- 1 corps.
- 2 (d) The director shall appoint the members of the reserve
- 3 officer corps. Members serve at the director's discretion.
- 4 (e) The director may call the reserve officer corps into
- 5 service at any time the director considers it necessary to have
- 6 additional officers to assist the department in conducting
- 7 background investigations, sex offender compliance checks, and
- 8 other duties as determined necessary by the director.
- 9 Sec. 411.0209. DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE AT INTERNATIONAL
- 10 BORDER CHECKPOINTS. (a) To prevent the unlawful transfer of
- 11 contraband from this state to the United Mexican States and other
- 12 unlawful activity, the department shall conduct a study concerning
- 13 the feasibility of providing to federal authorities and to local
- 14 law enforcement authorities working with those federal authorities
- 15 <u>at international border checkpoints assistance in the interdiction</u>
- 16 of weapons, bulk currency, stolen vehicles, and other contraband,
- 17 and of fugitives, being smuggled into the United Mexican States.
- 18 The department shall also study whether the establishment of
- 19 international border checkpoints will have a negative impact on
- 20 toll revenues.
- 21 (b) The department may share with the federal government the
- 22 cost of staffing any international border checkpoints for the
- 23 purposes described by this section.
- 24 (c) The director and applicable local law enforcement
- 25 <u>authorities shall adopt procedures as necessary to administer this</u>
- 26 section.
- 27 SECTION 10. Subchapter D, Chapter 411, Government Code, is

- 1 amended by adding Section 411.054 to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 411.054. CRIME STATISTICS REPORTING. (a) Each local
- 3 law enforcement agency shall:
- 4 (1) implement an incident-based reporting system that
- 5 meets the reporting requirements of the National Incident-Based
- 6 Reporting System of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program of the
- 7 Federal Bureau of Investigation; and
- 8 (2) use the system described by Subdivision (1) to
- 9 submit to the department information and statistics concerning
- 10 criminal offenses committed in the jurisdiction of the local law
- 11 enforcement agency.
- 12 (b) The department shall adopt rules to implement this
- 13 <u>section</u>, including rules prescribing:
- 14 (1) the form and manner of the submission of
- 15 information and statistics; and
- 16 (2) the frequency of reporting.
- 17 (c) Notwithstanding any other law, a local law enforcement
- 18 agency that is not in compliance with this section and that receives
- 19 grant funds from the department or the criminal justice division of
- 20 the governor's office may only use those funds to come into
- 21 compliance with this section.
- 22 (d) A local law enforcement agency is not required to comply
- 23 with this section before September 1, 2019.
- (e) Subsection (d) and this subsection expire September 1,
- 25 2019.
- SECTION 11. Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by
- 27 adding Subchapter P to read as follows:

- 1 SUBCHAPTER P. STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
- 2 Sec. 411.431. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:
- 3 (1) "Border" means the border between this state and
- 4 Mexico.
- 5 (2) "Committee" means the State Law Enforcement
- 6 Operations Oversight Committee established under this subchapter.
- 7 <u>Sec. 411.432. STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS OVERSIGHT</u>
- 8 COMMITTEE. (a) A State Law Enforcement Operations Oversight
- 9 Committee is established to ensure transparency of state operations
- 10 targeting transnational gang and cartel activity.
- 11 (b) Members of the committee are appointed as follows:
- 12 (1) five members of the senate appointed by the
- 13 lieutenant governor;
- 14 (2) five members of the house of representatives
- 15 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and
- 16 (3) one public member appointed by the governor.
- 17 (c) A member of the committee serves at the will of the
- 18 appointing official.
- 19 (d) The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of
- 20 representatives shall appoint the chair of the committee on an
- 21 alternating basis. The chair of the committee serves a one-year
- 22 term that expires September 1 of each year.
- (e) A member of the committee is not entitled to receive
- 24 compensation for service on the committee or reimbursement for
- 25 expenses incurred in the performance of official duties as a member
- 26 of the committee.
- 27 (f) Chapter 2110 does not apply to the committee.

- 1 Sec. 411.433. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The committee has the
- 2 powers and duties of a general investigating committee under
- 3 <u>Sections 301.020, 301.024, and 301.028, including access to</u>
- 4 confidential and law enforcement sensitive information.
- 5 (b) The committee:
- 6 (1) shall monitor and regularly report to the
- 7 legislature on the progress of state operations targeting
- 8 transnational gang and cartel activity, including monitoring
- 9 conditions at the local level;
- 10 (2) may request from the department, the Parks and
- 11 Wildlife Department, and the Texas military forces reports and any
- 12 other information related to border operations considered
- 13 necessary by the committee;
- 14 (3) if necessary, shall cooperate with local and
- 15 federal officials to perform the committee's duties; and
- 16 (4) shall meet monthly to carry out the committee's
- 17 duties.
- 18 (c) The committee may meet and consult with and advise local
- 19 governments and federal authorities.
- Sec. 411.434. REPORTS TO COMMITTEE. (a) The department,
- 21 the Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Texas military forces
- 22 shall submit monthly reports to the committee:
- 23 (1) on the status and progress of law enforcement
- 24 operations, activities, programs, and investigations targeting
- 25 transnational gang and cartel activity;
- 26 (2) providing a detailed analysis of spending,
- 27 including any incremental costs, for operations, activities,

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                    (A) salaries, equipment, and capital purchases;
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                    (B) any contracts related to operations,
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   gang and cartel activity, and for each contract:
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                         (i) the procurement process for the
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   contract;
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                         (ii) to whom the contract was awarded;
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                         (iv) if the contract was an emergency
   purchase under Section 2155.137, state that fact and the reason why
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   it was considered an emergency; and
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              (3) that include:
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                    (A) the impact of state operations, activities,
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   programs, and investigations targeting transnational gang and
   cartel activity on the resources of local law enforcement
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   authorities and the attrition of local law enforcement officers;
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                    (B) recommendations on minimizing the disruption
   to local law enforcement authorities from state operations,
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   activities, programs, and investigations targeting transnational
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   gang and cartel activity.
         (b) The department, the Parks and Wildlife Department, and
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   the Texas military forces shall:
               (1) brief the committee in person at the request of the
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1 committee; and

- 2 (2) respond to any committee request for reports or
- 3 other information under Section 411.433.
- 4 SECTION 12. Section 772.007, Government Code, is reenacted
- 5 to read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 772.007. TEXAS ANTI-GANG GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The
- 7 criminal justice division established under Section 772.006 shall
- 8 administer a competitive grant program to support regional,
- 9 multidisciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through the
- 10 coordination of gang prevention, intervention, and suppression
- 11 activities.
- 12 (b) The grant program administered under this section must
- 13 be directed toward regions of this state that have demonstrably
- 14 high levels of gang violence.
- 15 (c) The criminal justice division shall award grants to
- 16 qualified applicants, as determined by the division, that
- 17 demonstrate a comprehensive approach that balances gang
- 18 prevention, intervention, and suppression activities to reduce
- 19 gang violence.
- 20 (d) The criminal justice division shall include in the
- 21 biennial report required by Section 772.006(a)(9) detailed
- 22 reporting of the results and performance of the grant program
- 23 administered under this section.
- (e) The criminal justice division may use any revenue
- 25 available for purposes of this section.
- 26 SECTION 13. Chapter 362, Local Government Code, is amended
- 27 by adding Section 362.005 to read as follows:

- 1 Sec. 362.005. TEXAS TRANSNATIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER. (a)
- 2 The sheriff's department of a county with a population of at least
- 3 700,000 but not more than 800,000 that borders the Texas-Mexico
- 4 border and the police department of the municipality having the
- 5 largest population in that county shall jointly establish and
- 6 operate the Texas Transnational Intelligence Center as a central
- 7 repository of real-time intelligence relating to criminal activity
- 8 in the counties along the Texas-Mexico border. The Texas Department
- 9 of Public Safety shall assist the county sheriff's department and
- 10 the municipal police department in the establishment and operation
- 11 of the center.
- 12 (b) Each law enforcement agency in a county located along
- 13 the Texas-Mexico border and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
- 14 and Parks and Wildlife Department shall report to the Texas
- 15 Transnational Intelligence Center intelligence regarding criminal
- 16 <u>activity in the law enforcement agency's jurisdiction, including</u>
- 17 details on kidnappings, home invasions, and incidents of
- 18 impersonation of law enforcement officers.
- 19 (c) The intelligence in the Texas Transnational
- 20 Intelligence Center shall be made available to each law enforcement
- 21 agency in the state and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and
- 22 Parks and Wildlife Department.
- 23 <u>(d) The Texas Transnational Intelligence Center shall</u>
- 24 comply with Section 421.085, Government Code, and the rules
- 25 relating to that section.
- SECTION 14. Section 20.05, Penal Code, is amended to read as
- 27 follows:

- 1 Sec. 20.05. SMUGGLING OF PERSONS. (a) A person commits an
- 2 offense if the person, with the intent to obtain a pecuniary
- 3 benefit, knowingly:
- 4 (1) [intentionally] uses a motor vehicle, aircraft,
- 5 [or] watercraft, or other means of conveyance to transport an
- 6 individual with the intent to:
- 7 $\underline{\text{(A)}}$ [\(\frac{\((1)\)}{\(1)\)}] conceal the individual from a peace
- 8 officer or special investigator; or
- 9 (B) $\left[\frac{(2)}{2}\right]$ flee from a person the actor knows is a
- 10 peace officer or special investigator attempting to lawfully arrest
- 11 or detain the actor; or
- 12 (2) encourages or induces an individual to enter or
- 13 remain in this country in violation of federal law by concealing,
- 14 harboring, or shielding that person from detection.
- 15 (b) An [Except as provided by Subsection (c), an] offense
- 16 under this section is [a state jail felony.
- 17 [(c) An offense under this section is] a felony of the third
- 18 degree, except that [if the actor commits] the offense is:
- 19 (1) a felony of the second degree if:
- 20 (A) the actor commits the offense [for pecuniary
- 21 benefit; or
- [(2)] in a manner that creates a substantial
- 23 likelihood that the <u>smuggled</u> [transported] individual will suffer
- 24 serious bodily injury or death; or
- 25 (B) the smuggled individual is a child younger
- 26 than 18 years of age at the time of the offense; or
- 27 (2) a felony of the first degree if:

- 1 (A) it is shown on the trial of the offense that,
- 2 as a direct result of the commission of the offense, the smuggled
- 3 individual became a victim of sexual assault, as defined by Section
- 4 22.011, or aggravated sexual assault, as defined by Section 22.021;
- 5 <u>or</u>
- 6 (B) the smuggled individual suffered serious
- 7 bodily injury or death.
- 8 (c) $\left[\frac{d}{d}\right]$ It is an affirmative defense to prosecution,
- 9 other than a prosecution to which Subsections (b)(1)(A) or (b)(2)
- 10 apply, under this section that the actor is related to the smuggled
- 11 [transported] individual within the second degree of consanguinity
- 12 or, at the time of the offense, within the second degree of
- 13 affinity.
- (d) [(e)] If conduct constituting an offense under this
- 15 section also constitutes an offense under another section of this
- 16 code, the actor may be prosecuted under either section or under both
- 17 sections.
- 18 SECTION 15. Chapter 20, Penal Code, is amended by adding
- 19 Section 20.06 to read as follows:
- Sec. 20.06. CONTINUOUS SMUGGLING OF PERSONS. (a) A person
- 21 commits an offense if the person engages two or more times in
- 22 conduct that constitutes an offense under Section 20.05.
- 23 (b) If a jury is the trier of fact, members of the jury are
- 24 not required to agree unanimously on which specific conduct engaged
- 25 in by the defendant constituted an offense under Section 20.05 or on
- 26 which exact date the defendant engaged in that conduct. The jury
- 27 must agree unanimously that the defendant engaged two or more times

- 1 in conduct that constitutes an offense under Section 20.05.
- 2 (c) If the victim of an offense under Subsection (a) is the
- 3 same victim as a victim of an offense under Section 20.05, a
- 4 defendant may not be convicted of the offense under Section 20.05 in
- 5 the same criminal action as the offense under Subsection (a),
- 6 unless the offense under Section 20.05:
- 7 (1) is charged in the alternative;
- 8 (2) occurred outside the period in which the offense
- 9 alleged under Subsection (a) was committed; or
- 10 (3) is considered by the trier of fact to be a lesser
- $\underline{\text{included offense of the offense alleged under Subsection (a).}}$
- 12 (d) A defendant may not be charged with more than one count
- 13 under Subsection (a) if all of the conduct that constitutes an
- 14 offense under Section 20.05 is alleged to have been committed
- 15 against the same victim.
- (e) Except as provided by Subsections (f) and (g), an
- 17 offense under this section is a felony of the second degree.
- (f) An offense under this section is a felony of the first
- 19 degree if:
- 20 (1) the conduct constituting an offense under Section
- 21 20.05 is conducted in a manner that creates a substantial
- 22 likelihood that the smuggled individual will suffer serious bodily
- 23 injury or death; or
- 24 (2) the smuggled individual is a child younger than 18
- 25 years of age at the time of the offense.
- 26 (g) An offense under this section is a felony of the first
- 27 degree, punishable by imprisonment in the Texas Department of

- 1 Criminal Justice for life or for any term of not more than 99 years
- 2 or less than 25 years, if:
- 3 (1) it is shown on the trial of the offense that, as a
- 4 direct result of the commission of the offense, the smuggled
- 5 individual became a victim of sexual assault, as defined by Section
- 6 <u>22.011</u>, or aggravated sexual assault, as defined by Section 22.021;
- 7 or
- 8 (2) the smuggled individual suffered serious bodily
- 9 <u>injury or</u> death.
- SECTION 16. Sections 71.02(a) and (b), Penal Code, are
- 11 amended to read as follows:
- 12 (a) A person commits an offense if, with the intent to
- 13 establish, maintain, or participate in a combination or in the
- 14 profits of a combination or as a member of a criminal street gang,
- 15 the person commits or conspires to commit one or more of the
- 16 following:
- 17 (1) murder, capital murder, arson, aggravated
- 18 robbery, robbery, burglary, theft, aggravated kidnapping,
- 19 kidnapping, aggravated assault, aggravated sexual assault, sexual
- 20 assault, continuous sexual abuse of young child or children,
- 21 solicitation of a minor, forgery, deadly conduct, assault
- 22 punishable as a Class A misdemeanor, burglary of a motor vehicle, or
- 23 unauthorized use of a motor vehicle;
- 24 (2) any gambling offense punishable as a Class A
- 25 misdemeanor;
- 26 (3) promotion of prostitution, aggravated promotion
- 27 of prostitution, or compelling prostitution;

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                    unlawful manufacture, transportation, repair, or
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   sale of firearms or prohibited weapons;
               (5) unlawful manufacture, delivery, dispensation, or
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   distribution of a controlled substance or dangerous drug, or
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   unlawful possession of a controlled substance or dangerous drug
    through forgery, fraud, misrepresentation, or deception;
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               (5-a) causing the unlawful delivery, dispensation, or
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   distribution of a controlled substance or dangerous drug in
   violation of Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code;
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                    any unlawful wholesale promotion or possession of
   any obscene material or obscene device with the intent to wholesale
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   promote the same;
               (7) any offense under Subchapter B, Chapter
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   depicting or involving conduct by or directed toward a child
   younger than 18 years of age;
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               (8)
                    any felony offense under Chapter 32;
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               (9)
                    any offense under Chapter 36;
                     any offense under Chapter 34, 35, or 35A;
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               (10)
                     any offense under Section 37.11(a);
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               (11)
                     any offense under Chapter 20A;
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               (12)
                     any offense under Section 37.10;
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               (13)
                     any offense under Section 38.06, 38.07, 38.09, or
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                     any offense under Section 42.10;
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                     any offense under Section 46.06(a)(1) or 46.14;
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                     any offense under Section 20.05 or 20.06; or
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               (17)
                     any offense classified as a felony under the Tax
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- 1 Code.
- 2 (b) Except as provided in Subsections (c) and (d), an
- 3 offense under this section is one category higher than the most
- 4 serious offense listed in Subsection (a) that was committed, and if
- 5 the most serious offense is a Class A misdemeanor, the offense is a
- 6 state jail felony, except that the offense is a felony of the first
- 7 degree punishable by imprisonment in the Texas Department of
- 8 Criminal Justice for:
- 9 (1) life without parole, if the most serious offense
- 10 is an aggravated sexual assault and if at the time of that offense
- 11 the defendant is 18 years of age or older and:
- 12 (A) the victim of the offense is younger than six
- 13 years of age;
- 14 (B) the victim of the offense is younger than 14
- 15 years of age and the actor commits the offense in a manner described
- 16 by Section 22.021(a)(2)(A); or
- 17 (C) the victim of the offense is younger than 17
- 18 years of age and suffered serious bodily injury as a result of the
- 19 offense; [or]
- 20 (2) life or for any term of not more than 99 years or
- 21 less than 30 years if the most serious offense is an offense under
- 22 Section 20.06 that is punishable under Subsection (g) of that
- 23 <u>section; or</u>
- 24 (3) life or for any term of not more than 99 years or
- 25 less than 15 years if the most serious offense is an offense
- 26 punishable as a felony of the first degree, other than an offense
- 27 described by Subdivision (1) or (2).

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- 1 SECTION 17. The change in law made by this Act to Section 4,
- 2 Article 18.20, Code of Criminal Procedure, applies only to an
- 3 application for an interception order filed on or after the
- 4 effective date of this Act. An application for an interception
- 5 order filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
- 6 law in effect on the date the application was filed, and the former
- 7 law is continued in effect for that purpose.
- 8 SECTION 18. The Department of Public Safety shall adopt
- 9 rules required under Section 411.054(b), Government Code, as added
- 10 by this Act, not later than December 31, 2015.
- 11 SECTION 19. As soon as possible after the effective date of
- 12 this Act, but not later than September 1, 2015, the appointing
- 13 officials described by Section 411.432, Government Code, as added
- 14 by this Act, shall appoint the members of the State Law Enforcement
- 15 Operations Oversight Committee established under that section. The
- 16 speaker of the house of representatives shall make the first
- 17 appointment to chair the committee as provided by that section.
- 18 SECTION 20. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections
- 19 20.05 and 71.02, Penal Code, apply only to an offense committed on
- 20 or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before
- 21 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on
- 22 the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued
- 23 in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense
- 24 was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element
- 25 of the offense occurred before that date.
- 26 SECTION 21. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
- 27 over another Act of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015,

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- 1 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
- 2 codes.
- 3 SECTION 22. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.